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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL <small>(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))</small>		Attorney Docket No. 68,002-942	
		First Inventor Broich, et al.	
		Title SUPPLY SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR OPERATION	
		Express Mail Label No. EL858272812US	

APPLICATION ELEMENTS <small>See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents</small>	ADDRESS TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents Box Patent Application Washington, DC 20231
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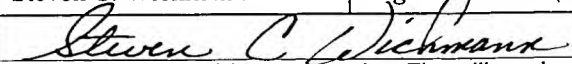
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 Prior application information: Examiner Shapiro, J. Group Art Unit: 3651

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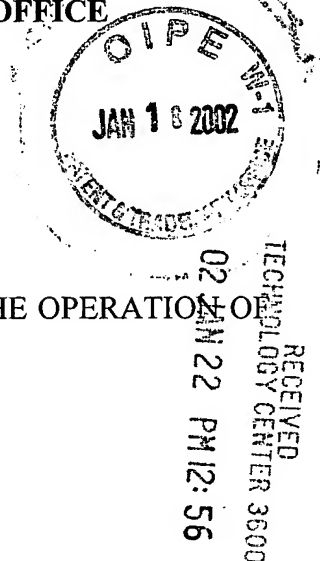
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Applicant certifies that the attached papers were transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office via United States Postal Service Express Mail on November 7, 2001. As proof thereof, Applicant submits a copy of the Express Mail receipt for Express Mail EL 858272812US indicating receipt by the U.S. Postal Service on November 7, 2001. Applicant believes the filing as contained herein to be in order and respectfully requests a filing receipt to indicate the pendency of this application. Applicant submits the continuation application as contained herein was filed within the one month extension of the pendency of parent serial number 09/036,752.

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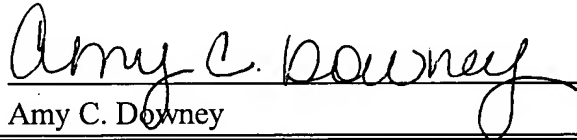
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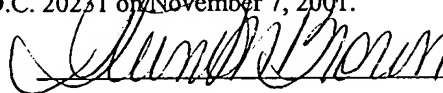
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